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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PU020325	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/US02/20504	International filing date (day/month/year) 28 June 2002 (28.06.2002)	Priority date (day/month/year)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): G06F 11/00 and US Cl.: 714/704		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

the international application as originally filed.

the description:

pages 1-14 as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demand

pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

the claims:

pages 15-19, as originally filed

pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages NONE, filed with the demand

pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

the drawings:

pages 1-7, as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demand

pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

the sequence listing part of the description:

pages NONE, as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demand

pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in printed form.

filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages NONE

the claims, Nos. NONE

the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-20	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims 1-20	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims 1-20	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-20 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art, as exemplified by ENGSTROM et al. (US Patent No. 5,909,436) does not teach or fairly suggest channel or antenna selection means wherein intermediate channel quality metrics for each bit group of channel response are computed for selection of channel with highest overall channel quality metric for data transmission as claimed.

ENGSTROM et al. discloses, at col. 1 line 30 et seq., means to compute OFDM metrics wherein 'adjacent carriers are described as "orthogonal". OFDM systems normally use a FFT (fast Fourier transform) process to demodulate the data signal from the transmitted (carrier) signal. Convolutional forward error coding and FFT techniques may be employed at the modulator (transmitter) stage in order to improve system performance. In the receiver, complementary FFT processing is combined with Viterbi decoding, at the demodulator stage in order to properly decode the information processes by the corresponding techniques at the modulation stage. This ensures that the overall bit error rate is very low. This particular variant of OFDM is known as CD OFDM (Code Division Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplex). For convenience, in this specification the term OFDM is used to refer to both FD OFDM (frequency divided OFDM and CD OFDM, unless specific reference is made to either FD OFDM or CD OFDM. .. If there is a dip in the channel frequency response in such a band, it will lead to a very substantial loss of information in the random access channel which will in turn make detection and estimation impossible. This problem only occurs in connection with a type 3 random access channel, and is illustrated in FIG. 10. It is thus, important with a type 3 random access channel, to select a pattern of sub-carriers spread across the available OFDM frequency raster.'

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE